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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 12, 1997,  
Applicants submit the following remarks.

Claims 1-28 are pending.

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by  
*Sturm et al.* U.S. Patent 5,315,630 (*Sturm*). Claim 21 is directed to apparatus for  
matching portal images to control radiotherapy/diagnostic equipment which